



## **The Village of Burr Ridge - Halloween and Trick or Treat 2020**

Due to this year's Covid-19 pandemic, the Village does not wish to officially endorse Trick or Treating, but recognizes that residents may still want to participate in this traditional and time honored Halloween activity. The Village of Burr Ridge therefore recommends the following modifications for those residents who wish to participate in Halloween Trick or Treating this year:

- Trick or Treat Hours will be held on Saturday, October 31 from 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
- Participants should wear cloth masks in addition to costume masks.
- Trick or Treat with your family or small Covid-19 "bubble" group.
- Maintain a six foot distance from those not in your family/group at all times.
- Allow all collected treats to air out for a few hours in a paper bag before consuming.
- Dispose of any treats that are not individually pre-wrapped. (No homemade goodies this year.)
- If you are planning to distribute candy, consider placing it out on a table at the end of your driveway/walkway to eliminate door-to-door activity. Trick or treaters can walk past and pick the treat up.
- Distribute only individually pre-wrapped candy or small bags. Use gloves when handling.

**The CDC rates Halloween activities according to risk levels as follows:** (<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/daily-life-coping/holidays.html#halloween>)

### **Lower risk activities**

These lower risk activities can be safe alternatives:

- Carving or decorating pumpkins with members of your household and displaying them
- Carving or decorating pumpkins outside, at a safe distance, with neighbors or friends
- Decorating your house, apartment, or living space
- Doing a Halloween scavenger hunt where children are given lists of Halloween-themed things to look for while they walk outdoors from house to house admiring Halloween decorations at a distance
- Having a virtual Halloween costume contest
- Having a Halloween movie night with people you live with
- Having a scavenger hunt-style trick-or-treat search with your household members in or around your home rather than going house to house



## Moderate risk activities

- Participating in one-way trick-or-treating where individually wrapped goodie bags are lined up for families to grab and go while continuing to social distance (such as at the end of a driveway or at the edge of a yard)
  - If you are preparing goodie bags, [wash your hands](#) with soap and water for at least 20 second before and after preparing the bags.
- Having a small group, outdoor, open-air costume parade where people are distanced more than 6 feet apart
- Attending a costume party held outdoors where protective masks are used and people can remain more than 6 feet apart
  - A costume mask (such as for Halloween) is not a substitute for a cloth mask. A costume mask should not be used unless it is made of two or more layers of breathable fabric that covers the mouth and nose and doesn't leave gaps around the face.
  - Do not wear a costume mask over a protective cloth mask because it can be dangerous if the costume mask makes it hard to breathe. Instead, consider using a Halloween-themed cloth mask.
- Going to an open-air, one-way, walk-through haunted forest where appropriate mask use is enforced, and people can remain more than 6 feet apart
  - If screaming will likely occur, greater distancing is advised. The greater the distance, the lower the risk of spreading a respiratory virus.
- Visiting pumpkin patches or orchards where people use hand sanitizer before touching pumpkins or picking apples, wearing masks is encouraged or enforced, and people are able to maintain social distancing
- Having an outdoor Halloween movie night with local family friends with people spaced at least 6 feet apart
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  - Lower your risk by following CDC's recommendations on [hosting gatherings or cook-outs](#).

## Higher risk activities

Avoid these higher risk activities to help prevent the spread of the virus that causes COVID-19:

- Participating in traditional trick-or-treating where treats are handed to children who go door to door
- Having trunk-or-treat where treats are handed out from trunks of cars lined up in large parking lots
- Attending crowded costume parties held indoors
- Going to an indoor haunted house where people may be crowded together and screaming
- Going on hayrides or tractor rides with people who are not in your household
- Using [alcohol or drugs](#), which can cloud judgement and increase risky behaviors
- Traveling to a [rural](#) fall festival that is not in your community if you live in an area with community spread of COVID-19



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This flyer below will be used to encourage Trick or Treaters to participate safely, and will be used in Social Media postings (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram) and on the front page of the website.



**Trick or Treat hours for the Village of Burr Ridge will be held on Saturday, October 31 from 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.**

If you participate, please wear cloth masks and practice social distancing! Treats should be individually wrapped or in small bags. Consider distributing/leaving them out at the end of your driveway or walkway to avoid Trick or Treaters going door-to-door. **Be Safe, Be Seen, Be Scary!!**



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Residents who are participating in Trick or Treating will be encouraged to print out and display this flyer in a prominent place on their property or in their window at home.







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Residents who are NOT participating in Trick or Treating will be encouraged to print out and display this flyer in a prominent place on their property or in their window at home.

